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LIBERAL CABINET

Treasury post goes to Brison

Stephanie Taylor
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Canada's new president of the Treasury Board has a reputation as a "fiscal hawk," according to a former Halifax colleague and friend.

On Wednesday, Mayor Mike Savage described Scott Brison — Liberal Member of Parliament for Kings-Hants in Nova Scotia and sole cabinet minister picked from the province — as outgoing, decisive and bright.

"He's got a very curious mind, which is a great thing to have when you're in a leadership position," Savage said.

Brison, a former investment banker, was among 30 cabinet ministers sworn in Wednesday, along with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The Treasury Board is a cabinet committee of the Queen's Privy Council of Canada and responsible for the accountability of government expenditures.

"It's an important key portfolio," Savage said.

Canada's leader

Trudeau makes pledge to the people on historic day



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his family lead the new Liberal cabinet to Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Halifax youth shine their light

FOOD PROGRAM
Hope Blooms launches greenhouse solar project



A new solar project has Halifax youth shining a light on food security and healthy eating — no grid required.

Hope Blooms, the north-end youth group that grew a com-

“This is social entrepreneurship, but it’s community building at its very best.”

Halifax Mayor Mike Savage

munity garden on Brunswick Street into a salad dressing business and state-of-the-art greenhouse, launched its solar project Wednesday.

“What these solar panels represent to me is a step in the right direction towards feeding people good, healthy food,” program co-ordinator Alvero Wiggins said during the launch next to the garden, holding a set of LED lights.

“And be an inspiration to anybody out there who wants to do something, who wonders if they can. You can.”

The long rectangles of blue, red and white lights will be installed inside the greenhouse to represent the “visible spectrum” of sunlight, Wiggins said, meaning they can now grow vegetables and greens year-round instead of waiting until spring.

The group hopes to grow more than 3,000 pounds of food with the electricity and water generated by the solar

panels, Wiggins said, most of which will be used in a new salad program at the nearby Joseph Howe School.

“We’re going to attack the problem — hunger, we’re going for it,” Wiggins said with a smile as the large crowd of residents, kids, councillors, volunteers and Mayor Mike Savage clapped.



Jessie Jollymore, dietician and Hope Blooms founder, said they are soon bringing free salads once a week to Joseph Howe School and hope to eventually extend the program to other schools.

The greenhouse, which opened in May 2015, will be

completely “off the grid,” Jollymore said, thanks to a 3.1-kilowatt solar array and battery back-up system funded by Bullfrog Power and installed by Doctor Solar.

Holly Bond, Bullfrog’s vice-president of regional sales, said it’s especially exciting to support a project that’s in the heart of a city when most “off the grid” sites bring to mind long hikes into the woods.

“This is a leadership position, this is visionary. It just gives hope to communities,” Bond said.

Savage joked during the launch that salads are good, but the spirit and energy of the whole Hope Blooms project is “what we want Halifax to be.”

“People saying, ‘We know what we need to do to make this community live.’ This is a great community, and we can make it happen,” Savage said.

Besides allowing them to grow more vegetables



The community gathered for the launch of the Hope Blooms solar panels at its greenhouse on Wednesday.
 JEFF HARPER/METRO

than ever before, Jollymore said the solar array is helping the Hope Blooms youth better understand electricity and green energy.

“The youth are doing it all,” Jollymore said. “They’re so excited about having solar power.”

Banda, 7, holds one of the LED lights to be used in the Hope Blooms Greenhouse Solar Project on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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OBITUARIES

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CRIME

Craving for caffeine leads to man's arrest



Kristen Lipscombe
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A 22-year-old Nova Scotia man has got himself into "double double trouble" after breaking into a Tim Hortons with a late-night caffeine craving over the weekend, according to the provincial RCMP force.

Police officers arrested the man after what the RCMP call "an unusual early morning break-and-enter" Sunday at the Tim Hortons in Parrsboro, which is located in Cumberland County.

Two employees who had arrived for work at the coffee shop at about 4 a.m. called police after stumbling upon the

man inside. He had already made himself a hot coffee and was then working on making himself an iced cappuccino, police said.

"They were simply surprised that this individual was there, in the store," Nova Scotia RCMP spokesman Const. Mark Skinner said Wednesday.

"He had been making a coffee and was trying to make an Ice Cap at the time," he said, "but unfortunately had been creating a rather large mess."

The man left the Tim Hortons before officers with Cumberland County RCMP arrived to investigate. They found him soon after in the nearby parking lot of a grocery store, where they made an arrest.

"He took off, but certainly it wasn't too long before we caught up with him," Skinner said, adding police do believe "alcohol may have been involved" in this case.

The suspect from Conquerall Mills faces charges of break-and-enter and mischief, police said. He has been released from police custody and will appear in Amherst provincial court on the morning of Dec. 14.

"No money taken, just looking for something to drink," Skinner said, adding that Timmy's opened in time to serve customers on their morning commutes.

"No employees or doughnuts were harmed during the break-and-enter," police said.



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He had been making a coffee ... but unfortunately had been creating a rather large mess.

Const. Mark Skinner

BEDFORD HIGHWAY

Search fails to turn up man carrying long gun

Halifax Regional Police were searching for a man carrying "a long gun" during the early morning hours Wednesday.

Police received a call at about 4 a.m. that a man was seen walking along the Bedford Highway, near the Windsor Exchange, carrying the weapon.

But despite a search by a large group of officers, includ-

ing a canine unit, police were unable to find the suspect in question.

"Any streets that were closed temporarily have re-opened to traffic," a Halifax Regional Police news release said. "Anyone with additional information on this matter (is) asked to contact Halifax Regional Police."

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Witness Wade Weeks leaves the Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Text messages tell of plan to rob accused

CALNEN TRIAL

Jury sees 379 exchanges between victim and her friend



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The jury in the murder trial of a Hammonds Plains man heard testimony during the trial's third day about the details of a plan by the victim and her friend to rob the accused.

Paul Trevor Calnen, 52, is accused of second-degree murder in the 2013 killing of his girlfriend, Reita Louise Jordan, 34. On Monday, Calnen pleaded guilty to a second charge of indecently interfering with human remains — in this case,

burning them. Jordan's body has never been found.

On Wednesday in a Halifax courtroom, testimony continued from Jordan's friend, Wade Weeks, giving the jury a look at 379 text messages between his phone and the victim's, sent in the days leading up to her death.

"He put his hands on me. I don't think I'm safe here," Jordan texted to Weeks on March 10, 2013, referring to Calnen. She said she had a plan to leave Calnen, but it got delayed.

"I can't leave him," Jordan texted Weeks on March 13. "He's suicidal because he doesn't want me to go. He's a mess."

On March 17, Jordan elaborated on her plan.

"I want to f-k Paul over so bad," Jordan texted Weeks that day. "I already got all his gold jewelry, but I want to get him

good."

The two then started texting about selling that jewelry and Calnen's two four-wheelers, and Weeks found a buyer willing to pick them up. That plan was supposed to come to fruition March 19, but Jordan told Weeks to cancel.

"S-t is hitting the fan for me right now," she texted Weeks on March 18 — the day the Crown says she was murdered.

Later that night, Weeks received his last text from Jordan's phone: "gone in town."

During cross-examination by Calnen's lawyer, Peter Planetta, Weeks admitted that he and Jordan only hung out when she was smoking his crack cocaine.

Weeks admitted he loved Jordan and said he wouldn't

have agreed to help her steal and sell Calnen's valuables if she hadn't texted him and told him Calnen had "put his hands" on her.

Planetta said after court that during his cross-examination of Weeks, he was trying to "discredit him and discredit his motives and undermine the evidence that he was giving."

Crown attorney Rick Woodburn wouldn't comment on any effect the cross-examination may have had on Weeks' credibility.

The Crown called two more witnesses Wednesday: Krista Andrews and Paul Moulton — both friends of the victim.

The Crown is expected to call more witnesses when the trial reconvenes Thursday.

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I don't think I'm safe here.

Text message from Reita Jordan to Wade Weeks

COURT

Case junked after minister fails to appear

A judge has dismissed a charge against a woman accused of assaulting Nova Scotia Environment Minister Andrew Younger after he didn't show up in Halifax court Wednesday.

Tara Gault had pleaded not guilty to the charge stemming from an assault alleged to have happened on or about Oct. 22,

2013, the day the Liberal government assumed power after the last provincial election.

Younger was subpoenaed to attend the trial but did not appear.

His lawyer cited a rule that cabinet members do not have to appear in court while the legislature is in session.

The Crown asked for an adjournment until August so that Younger could testify, but the request was rejected by provincial court judge Greg Lenehan.

Defence lawyer Joel Pink argued that delaying the trial would have been unfair to Gault, who has been waiting

for the case to be resolved before looking for a job.

Younger resigned as energy minister in March, three months after he took a leave of absence following Gault's arrest.

He was named environment minister in July.

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Environment Minister Andrew Younger METRO FILE



HEADS UP THE CROSSWALK SAFETY DANCE Members of the UNITY dance crew perform on a makeshift crosswalk during a noon rally at Grand Parade on Wednesday. The event was part of the Heads Up Halifax campaign, and Wednesday was Crosswalk Safety Awareness Day. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Make bureaucrats' expenses public: AG

ACCOUNTABILITY

Report also sounds alarm over province's rising debt

Hospitality and travel expenses of senior Nova Scotia government bureaucrats should be publicly disclosed, says the province's auditor general.

In a report released Wednesday, Michael Pickup said expenses of officials with boards and agencies should also be reported.

He said the current policy does not address things such as the hosting of delegations or other visitors to the province and needs to be updated.

"Clarifying, for example, when at all alcohol may be covered," he said. "What's a reasonable amount to spend per person at an event and who should authorize?"

Progressive Conservative finance critic Tim Houston said taxpayers have a right to know the information.

"The very least we can do is tell them how much is being spent and where it's being



Nova Scotia Auditor General Michael Pickup METRO FILE

spent," said Houston.

Premier Stephen McNeil said the auditor general's recommendation would be considered, given expenses are already listed online for members of the legislature and for cabinet ministers.

Pickup's report also says Nova Scotia's net debt continues to hamper the government's ability to pay for programs in a province with a declining population.

Pickup — who talked about the debt burden in his previous report — sounded the alarm again, saying the \$15.1-billion net debt is increasing faster than the province's population.

He said the five-year trend is unfavourable when it comes to key indicators such as net debt

per capita, net debt as a percentage of total revenue and net debt as a percentage of provincial gross domestic product.

Pickup said the government's debt increased by two per cent in 2014-15 and now stands at \$15,944 for every resident of the province.

The report says net debt had increased by \$2.3 billion or 18 per cent over four years because spending exceeded revenues.

Pickup said those are numbers that come with consequences.

"The debt servicing cost, at nearly \$1 billion a year, is prohibiting a government in what it may do in terms of programs, in terms of taxes," he said.

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POLICE

Cops ticket cabbie after pedestrian hit



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Police ticketed a 42-year-old cab driver after a female pedestrian was hit Wednesday morning in downtown Halifax.

The 58-year-old woman was walking across a driveway on the 1900 block of Up-

per Water Street at about 8:20 a.m. when the man struck her while leaving the driveway, Halifax Regional Police said.

Paramedics assessed the woman at the scene. She was released without having to go to hospital for treatment, police said.

The cab driver received a summary offence ticket for failing to yield to a pedestrian.

APPOINTMENTS

New posts for two Crown attorneys

Halifax Regional Municipality has two new Crown attorneys.

The provincial government's public prosecution service announced Wednesday that Sarah Kirby has been appointed in Halifax and Emma Woodburn has been assigned to Dartmouth.

Kirby is from Halifax, and graduated from Dalhousie University with an honours B.Sc.

degree in 1994 and the juris doctor program in 1999. She was appointed assistant dean at the Schulich School of Law in 2011.

Woodburn, also from Halifax, graduated from Saint Mary's University with a BA degree in 2006 and from the Schulich School in 2013. She has worked extensively internationally.

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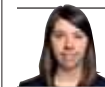
Sheilia Sperry, co-ordinator of the Nova Scotia chapter of Dying With Dignity Canada, talks at a Halifax rally Wednesday.

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Rally calls for action

GOVERNMENT

Group wants legislation on doctor-assisted death



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

On the day when hundreds in Canada gathered to fight for more end-of-life choices, Sheilia Sperry said stakeholders need to stop "running in circles."

Sperry, co-ordinator of the Nova Scotia chapter of Dying with Dignity Canada, spoke during a noon-hour rally outside Province House in downtown Halifax on Wednesday, as part of one of many rallies across the country on a national day of action to urge governments to enact legislation on physician-assisted death.

"We've had eight months of virtually nothing, although lots of people have been doing ... lots of study, lots of sur-

vey," Sperry said about the time since the Supreme Court ruled Canadians have the right to doctor-assisted suicide in specific cases. "Stop running around in circles and bumping into each other."

Sperry said if stakeholders, including the federal and provincial levels of government, as well as medical associations, concentrated on their own responsibilities, a solution could be in place by February.

The federal government can write a new law, while medical associations come up with a referral system that works for them, Sperry said.

Quebec has already done much of the work with a landmark end-of-life care bill, Sperry said, adding it wouldn't take much for provinces to take that legislation and adapt it in Nova Scotia.

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Every single day that passes is an eternity.

Co-ordinator Sheilia Sperry

KIDS 'N COPS

Students accompany Halifax police on the job

Grade 9 students from across the municipality joined Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP for the annual Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday. The day aims to encourage teens to start considering their career options.

"Today's activities will bring police work to life and give kids a sense of what's possible with the RCMP," Const. Brian Swal-

low said in a Halifax RCMP statement. "Police dog services will sniff out narcotics and drones will take photos from the air, all right in front of the students."

Kids hanging out with Halifax Regional Police had a chance to check out accident investigation, and canine and forensic identification units, in addition to visiting the Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Service, Halifax Regional Police said. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

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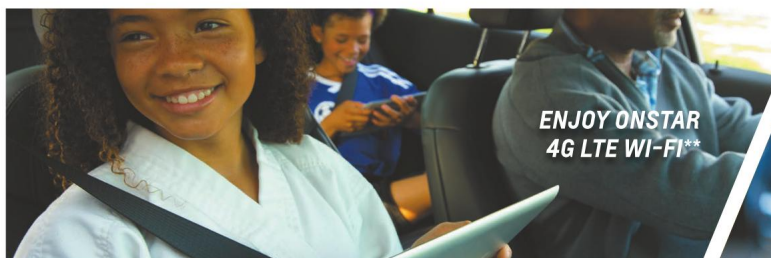


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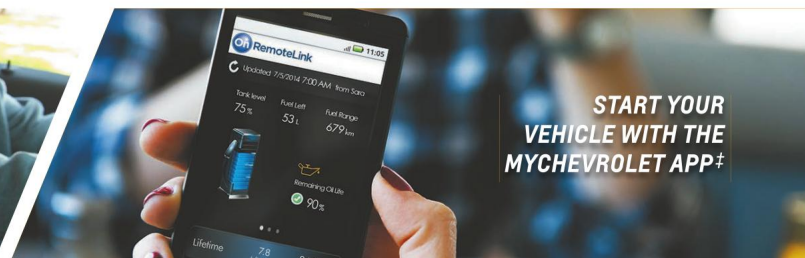
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'Looks like Canada'



Justin Trudeau gives a high five to children after attending a swearing-in ceremony of his cabinet.

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PARLIAMENT

Government will be based on teamwork, trust: Trudeau

Justin Trudeau beamed as he explained why he felt the need to put together Canada's first cabinet with an equal number of male and female members, 15 each.

"It's an incredible pleasure for me to be before you today ... to present a cabinet that looks like Canada," Trudeau said on Wednesday afternoon in his first statement as Canada's 23rd prime minister.

He had a quick answer and a smile when asked why he felt the need for the gender balance in his 30-member cabinet.

"Because it's 2015," he told reporters gathered outside Rideau Hall. "Canadians elected extraordinary members of Parliament ... I'm glad to be able to highlight a few of them in the cabinet today."

He promised that his government would be one based on trust and teamwork that delivers "evidence-based policy."

"Government by cabinet is back," he said.

Trudeau said he welcomed media asking serious questions and respected the desire for open data and access to information.

"We're forming a government that places trust at the very centre of its actions," he said.

He said he trusts his cabinet will help him fulfill a pledge to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees and also said he will push for human rights in upcoming talks in China.

That's important "not just for Canadians but for everyone on this planet," he said.

A standing ovation followed the pledge by Trudeau to be a "faithful and true servant" of the Queen in Canada in the blue-walled hall, with its high ceilings, gold curtains and massive portrait of Queen Elizabeth II.

Trudeau, 43, made history by becoming the first child of a former Canadian prime minister to assume the post. His late father, Pierre Trudeau, last held the office in 1984.

The new prime minister was almost literally at home as he assumed Canada's top post. He is currently living in a secure Georgian revival-style cottage behind Rideau Hall, where the swearing-in ceremonies are held.

Trudeau grew up at the official prime minister's residence at 24 Sussex Dr. in Ottawa. That building is now slated to undergo renovations to remove lead pipes and outdated wiring, among other things.

He and his incoming cabinet arrived at Rideau Hall this morning after a walk on which they were greeted and cheered by well-wishers.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



1 Justin Trudeau had a busy day Wednesday, first being accompanied by his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau and appointed cabinet ministers before his swearing-in at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

CHRIS WATTIE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

2 Gov. Gen. David Johnston oversees the official signing of documents.

3 Trudeau's son, Hadrien, runs to greet his father.

4 The new prime minister kisses his wife before he prepares to get on a bus with members of cabinet.

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3 LITTLE (YET SIGNIFICANT) DETAILS

TRUDEAU'S BLUE TIE

It was hard not to see the new prime minister's choice of tie in stark contrast to the other men admitted to the executive branch, almost all of whom wore red ties.



THE GREAT SEAL OF CANADA

Innovation minister Navdeep Bains is seen clutching the Great Seal, which is affixed to bills when they get royal assent and is entrusted to the registrar general of Canada.



A beautiful fall day, a buoyant ceremony, a general air of optimism — everything goes Justin Trudeau's way as the country's 23rd prime minister and his notably diversified cabinet are sworn in



BIBLES
Many of the new ministers brought their own books of scripture to hold while taking their oaths.



THE 6 TOUGHEST JOBS IN OTTAWA

1 Improve standing on world stage



Stéphane Dion | Foreign Affairs

Dion struggles in English and is not a natural schmoozer, making him an unusual choice for a job that prizes both those skills. But he is highly intelligent and has held key portfolios in past Liberal governments.

Level of difficulty
Fit

2 Missing-and-murdered inquiry



Carolyn Bennett | Indigenous and Northern Affairs

Bennett, a former family physician and minister of state in Paul Martin's government, is an obvious choice. Her past work as an aboriginal-affairs critic gives her instant credibility on a sensitive file.

Level of difficulty
Fit

3 Settle 25,000 refugees by 2016



John McCallum | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

The former Royal Bank chief economist has seemingly little experience on the immigration file. But his past cabinet experience (Defence, Veterans Affairs) should help.

Level of difficulty
Fit

4 Deliver federal budget by March



Bill Morneau | Finance

The rookie MP brings Bay Street cred as the former head of a human-resources company. He jumps right in to arguably the government's most important portfolio. For a political newcomer, it will be a very tall order.

Level of difficulty
Fit

5 Prepare for Paris climate summit



Catherine McKenna | Environment and Climate Change

The former human-rights and social-justice lawyer showed her political mettle by unseating NDP stalwart Paul Dewar. Now can she deliver on all of Trudeau's environmental promises?

Level of difficulty
Fit

6 End bombings in Syria, Iraq



Harjit Sajjan | Defence

The rookie MP served in Bosnia and Afghanistan and was the first Sikh to command a Canadian Army regiment. He has instant credibility with the rank-and-file; the top brass is another matter.

Level of difficulty
Fit



Trudeau speaks with Treasury Board President Scott Brison during a swearing-in ceremony at Rideau Hall on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

N.S. snaps up single post

TREASURY BOARD

Local political scientist calls cabinet choices bold, inclusive



**Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax**

A political expert in Halifax says he was expecting the unexpected as Canada's new prime minister unveiled his cabinet picks to the country Wednesday.

"This is a bold cabinet," said Jeff MacLeod, who teaches political science at Mount Saint Vincent University.

"Really inclusive; some surprise choices."

Among those 30 Liberal members of Parliament sworn in under various cabinet portfolios was Scott Brison, who represents Kings-Hants in Nova Scotia.

Brison was appointed president of the treasury board, a committee that con-

trols government expenditures but is rarely in the spotlight beyond the halls of parliament.

"It's a powerful cabinet position," MacLeod said Wednesday.

"That's a nod to Prime Minister Trudeau's confidence in Brison as well as giving a significant post to an Atlantic Canadian member."

No doubt, Brison will be kept busy thanks to the billions that Trudeau has promised to dole out in infrastructure spending.

When it came down to numbers, MacLeod said he wasn't surprised to see only one cabinet pick from Nova Scotia.

However, he acknowledged that given how the Liberals captured all 32 seats across the region, some may have expected more representation.

"It holds pretty true to form to have a single minister from each province," he said.

MacLeod said federal departments in the east coast should keep an eye on the Department of National Defence, citing Trudeau's earlier promises to scrap the F-35 program and boost navy spending.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans may also prove interesting, given that the new minister is from neither the west nor east coast but from the north.

That's a nod to Prime Minister Trudeau's confidence in (Scott) Brison.

Jeff MacLeod

THE SCENE

Straight into our history

Call it the political version of a Canadian fall classic.

The large and diverse crowd gathered on the grounds of Rideau Hall to witness the arrival of the new Liberal government.

They watched on large video screens dotted around the grounds as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his new cabinet took their oaths.

As the names were called, they applauded and cheered like the crowd at a sporting event greeting the starting lineup on the day of a big game.

"It's quite a time in history," said Pippa McDougall, 22.

It was a sentiment expressed by many, including a few older members of the crowd who fondly recalled the current prime minister's father, Pierre Elliott Trudeau. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEW DEMOCRATS

Mulcair addresses caucus

Tom Mulcair's campaign theme song Meet Me in the Basement by Broken Social Scene took on an ironic — and literal — significance Wednesday as the election-bruised NDP caucus gathered in the bowels of Parliament Hill.

The NDP leader, who has stayed out of the public eye since his party's drubbing, met with a significantly downsized caucus just hours after Justin Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister.

In a speech open to the media, Mulcair said the election results were not what the NDP hoped for, but vowed the party will examine what happened.

The Conservative caucus meets Thursday for the first time since the election. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Shoo-ins shooed out

CABINET

Political celebs and veterans on back bench

Presented with a wealth of talent to choose from in making his cabinet, there was some political capital Prime Minister Justin Trudeau chose not to spend.

A retired general and a former Toronto police chief were among the star Liberal MPs shut out of Trudeau's maiden cabinet, along with several veteran MPs.

At the same time, relative political rookies now find themselves commanding some of the top political posts, including National Defence, Justice and the government's signature

infrastructure plan.

"We have an awful lot of work to do in the coming weeks, months and years," Trudeau said after the group was sworn in.

"But I know that Canadians expect of us to come together and put forward a team that is going to be able to deliver on the change, on the ambitious plan for this country that the Liberal Party ran on — and that's exactly what we're going to deliver."

Retired lieutenant-general Andrew Leslie was considered a shoo-in for a cabinet spot when he announced he was running for the Liberals but was left out of the mix, as was former Toronto police chief Bill Blair.

Longtime MPs, including Joyce Murray and former cab-



Canadians expect of us to come together and put forward a team that is going to be able to deliver ... on the ambitious plan for this country that the Liberal Party ran on. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

inet minister Hedy Fry, were also on the outside looking in. Fry said she had absolutely no hard feelings.

"He matched people's capabilities to their talents, and I'm looking forward to working with them," she said. "What I bring to the table is a fair amount of experience and that ability to roll up my sleeves and help us to succeed."

Murray and Fry were the lone Liberal MPs in B.C. following

the 2011 election, but after the party's unexpected success in that province last month, three newly elected parliamentarians now have seats on the front bench.

They are retired lieutenant-colonel Harjit Sajjan, appointed as defence minister; Jody Wilson-Raybould, who has been given the justice portfolio, and Carla Qualtrough, now responsible for Sport and Persons with Disabilities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1 Team shot — PM Justin Trudeau holds a news conference with his cabinet after they were sworn in at Rideau Hall. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 Man of the people — The PM takes a selfie with onlookers as his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau (left) looks on. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 Emotional moment — Trudeau's mother Margaret reacts to the swearing-in. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 Young ambition — Two-year-old Ross Potter wears a Mountie uniform as he waits for Trudeau and the MPs who will comprise his cabinet to arrive at Rideau Hall. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Officials say bomb may have downed Russian plane

British and U.S. officials said Wednesday they have information suggesting the Russian jetliner that crashed in the Egyptian desert may have been brought down by a bomb, and Britain said it was suspending flights to and from the Sinai Peninsula indefinitely.

Intercepted communications played a role in the tentative conclusion that the Islamic State group's Sinai affiliate planted an explosive device on the plane, said a U.S. official briefed on the matter. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss intelligence matters publicly.

The official and others said there had been no formal judgment rendered by the CIA or other intelligence agencies, and that forensic evidence from the blast site, including the airplane's black box, was still being ana-



The young family of Alexei Gromov, 27, his wife Tatyana, 26, and their 10-month-old daughter Darina, who was the youngest passenger in Russia's deadliest plane crash last Saturday, which took the lives of 224 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

lyzed.

The official added that intelligence analysts don't believe the operation was ordered by Islamic State leaders in Raqqa, Syria. Rather, they believe that if it was a bomb, it was planned and executed by a Sinai affiliate of the Islamic State of Iraq and

the Levant, which operates autonomously.

Other officials cautioned that intercepted communications can sometimes be misleading and that it's possible the evidence will add up to a conclusion that there was no bomb.

British Foreign Secretary Philip

Hammond said there was a "significant possibility" the crash was caused by a bomb, and Britain was suspending flights to and from the Sinai resort of Sharm el-Sheikh indefinitely.

After a meeting of the British government's crisis committee, COBRA, Hammond said Britain

We have become concerned that the plane may well have been brought down by an explosive device.

Statement from David Cameron's office

was advising its citizens not to go on vacation to Sharm el-Sheikh, which is visited by hundreds of thousands of Britons a year.

Meanwhile, Russian and Egyptian investigators said Wednesday that the cockpit voice recorder of the Metrojet Airbus 321-200 had suffered substantial damage in the weekend crash that killed 224 people. Information from the flight data recorder has been successfully copied and handed over to investigators, the Russians added.

Prime Minister David Cameron's office said British aviation experts had been sent to Sharm el-Sheikh, where the flight originated, to assess security before British flights there would be allowed to resume. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIGRANT CRISIS

Volunteers flock to Lesbos

As the Greek island Lesbos struggles with a huge migrant surge, a close-knit group of volunteers is working alongside Greek fishermen to rescue people at sea, provide medical care and bring comfort and basic necessities.

In the past three weeks, about 100,000 migrants reached Europe's busiest coastline — 10 kilometres of shore in northern Lesbos — whose beaches are littered by mounds of discarded orange life vests. The task can sometimes feel overwhelming, as children die before the rescuers' eyes and there is never an end to the people in need. But the volunteers say the hardship is better than watching the plight of refugees on television.

One volunteer, Essan Daod, a Palestinian surgeon, flew to Lesbos from Israel three weeks ago to treat migrants, horrified by the scenes of drowning and anguish.

Since then, the 32-year-old doctor has helped deliver a baby on the beach, treated countless broken bones and revived more unconscious infants than he can remember. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLITICS

Romanian government collapses

Romania's government collapsed Wednesday after thousands of people took to the streets to protest a deadly fire at a heavy metal concert, the final straw after a five-month corruption investigation that has shaken the nation.

Prime Minister Victor Ponta said he and his government would resign "to take note of the legitimate grievances which exist in society," adding: "I hope handing in my and my government's mandate will satisfy the demands of protesters."

But thousands of people turned out for new protests Wednesday evening demanding early elections and more

accountability in government.

Even before last weekend's fire, the deadliest in Romania's history, Ponta faced widespread calls to resign as he was tried on charges including tax evasion, money laundering, conflict of interest and making false statements.

The charges relate to activities in 2007 and 2008, when he was a lawmaker and a lawyer. Ponta denies wrongdoing.

Then came the fire Friday night at the basement Colectiv nightclub, which sent panicked people stampeding for the single exit. The death toll stands at 32, with about 130 more hospitalized. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Former prime minister Victor Ponta. DANIEL MIHAILESCU/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SOUTH SUDAN

At least 36 killed in cargo plane crash

A cargo plane carrying an added load of unregistered people crashed Wednesday morning along the banks of the Nile River after taking off from South Sudan's capital of Juba. The crash killed 36 people and left an infant clinging to life, South Sudan authorities said.

The Soviet-made Antonov plane, which had been bound for the Paloich oil fields in Up-

per Nile state, was registered in Tajikistan and belonged to Allied Services Limited, said Ateny Wek Ateny, a spokesman for South Sudanese President Salva Kiir.

Hours later, the smell of fuel permeated the crash site, 1.6 kilometres from Juba's international airport. Wreckage from the plane was scattered in a bushy area on banks of the Nile with a few homes nearby. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Thousands of crocodiles go hungry in Honduras

A U.S. investigation into alleged money laundering for drug traffickers by one of Honduras' most powerful families has resulted in some unusual victims: thousands of hungry crocodiles.

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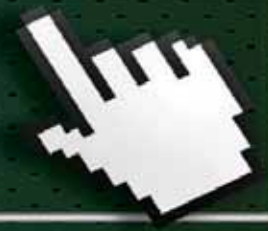


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EMMA TEITEL: ON PARLIAMENT'S CAST OF CHARACTERS

An institution without diversity is, if not inferior, infinitely dull. Which is why Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's historic decision to appoint a gender-balanced cabinet is brilliant.



When I graduated from university with a degree in English literature and began writing a column about current affairs, my biggest challenge was overcoming a profound disinterest in Canadian politics.

I watched CPAC — the televised proceedings of the House of Commons — in hopes of igniting a civic passion and instead discovered a soporific more powerful than 10 turkey dinners.

"Try to think about politics like daytime TV," a politically inclined friend advised me. "Picture every member of Parliament as a character on a soap opera, each one with their own backstory and drama."

This method gave me some hope, but was ultimately unsuccessful. For one thing, the prurging of parliament bore zero resemblance to *The Bold and the Beautiful*, or my all-time favourite soap: *Passions*. But more importantly, Canadian government, even at its most engaging, lacked something soap operas have in excess: a diverse cast of characters. On a soap opera there is, to name a few, the formidable patriarch, the weird aunt, the young stud, the vengeful love child and the ghost of her aborted twin. In Canadian government though, there seemed to be an overwhelming supply of one character and one character only: the formidable patriarch — in other words, the greying white

man.

There is no crime or shame in being a white man of any age or persuasion. In fact, I would be delighted if the new Liberal government added to its official platform a nationwide moratorium on the intensely stupid and increasingly popular word "mansplain." But an institution without diversity is, if not inferior, infinitely

Change. The televised ceremony began with two little Inuit girls throat singing and then immediately cracking up, a thoroughly adorable moment which in turn made the Governor General, David Johnston and Prime Minister Trudeau crack up, too.

When a reporter asked Trudeau after the ceremony why gender parity in his cabinet is

ably a good thing.

In the end, it's hard to be a Grinch in Canada. Trudeau's swearing-in was rife with a contagious vibe, no matter your political leanings. And yet, though the Liberal government has every reason to celebrate its achievement in gender parity and youth civic engagement, it must be in some ways, quite terrified.

Expectations of this government are astronomically high — especially among millennials, who don't cleave to political parties the way their parents did and will likely have no problem shedding any loyalty to Trudeau the moment his "hope and change" Obama moment subsides and real governance begins. Shortly before Trudeau's ceremony, a Liberal spokesperson reiterated Trudeau's "openness" and ability to engage people from all walks of life.

Harper's cold and insular government, we are told again and again, full of crabby media-wary political operatives, didn't pan out.

Everybody chose "Sunny Ways." Sunny Ways. Sunny Ways, Sunny Ways: It is the Marsha Brady of political slogans. And perhaps it's time the Trudeau government considered retiring the phrase — even in light of its many wins. Because though things are looking up for Justin Trudeau (and they really are) cloudier days full of uncomfortable compromise lie ahead.

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COLOURFUL CREW Though it's not quite as thrilling as the cast of *Passions*, the House of Commons is getting the diverse leadership team it needs and deserves, writes Emma Teitel. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

itely dull. Which is why Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's historic decision to appoint a gender-balanced cabinet is brilliant, and judging by the rapturous social media reaction to his swearing in ceremony this week, it is also widely popular.

Among Trudeau's new gender-balanced 31-member cabinet, sworn in officially at Rideau Hall where thousands applauded outside, are Jody Wilson-Raybould, the first aboriginal woman to hold the post of Justice Minister, Chrystia Freeland, the first woman to be appointed to Trade Minister since the 1980s, and NGO director Catherine McKenna, who will serve as Minister of the Environment and Climate

important, he simply said, "Because it's 2015."

In other words, representation, and the civic engagement it generates is not mere window dressing to more "serious" business. It is serious business in and of itself, and the notion that calculated fairness will sully a meritocracy that probably never existed to begin with is foolish and unconvincing.

Trudeau's call for gender parity in cabinet has gifted Canadian government the diverse cast of characters it desperately needs and deserves. Mind you, it is a cast nowhere near as interesting as any seen on *The Bold and the Beautiful* or *Passions*, but that's prob-

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Stick figures and tea: The new stealth tactics to teach sexual consent

Note to self: When broaching a sensitive subject, use stick figures, and, if possible, tea.

Even the most defensive will surely be somewhat charmed by the thought of cozy, friendly orange pekoe. And stick figures are inherently funny, like pugs in tutus or cats attacking babies (just Google it).

Thus, we have the viral consent video, which is not a phrase I ever expected would make sense, but now does. It's medicine masquerading as comedy, information in the guise of absurdity. Change, one hopes, via a laugh.

The video, written by Rockstar Dinosaur Pirate Princess and created by Blue Seat Studios, illustrates a lesson in consent by comparing offering to have sex with someone to offering them tea. The basic message: If the sex you're about to have is comparable to forcing someone to drink tea, then stop.

"Don't make them drink tea, don't get annoyed at them for not wanting tea. They just don't want tea, OK?" the voice-over explains, while a stick figure gets angry and then pours tea into another stick figure's mouth.

"And if they're unconscious don't make them tea. Unconscious people don't want tea, and they can't answer the question, 'Do you want tea?' because they're unconscious."

Right? So funny.

But hopefully also useful. Hopefully, those who may have not understood consent (like some people I've known) will be caught up in the hilarious and disturbing image of one stick figure forcing another stick figure to drink tea, and think, Hey! That makes a bit more sense, now.

I also felt like the issue reached new clarity thanks to the comparison.

That's certainly the goal of Blue Seat Studios owner and creative director Rachel Brian. Brian told me some have criticized the video by arguing it won't stop rapists from raping people, but she finds that reductive, and I agree.

"There are many cases of sexual assault where the person doesn't intend to be a rapist," she said. "I think the idea that it's, you know, this evil-versus-good thing, and if you're just a good person there will never be a problem, is a little bit naive."

Brian added: "It is not a preachy video and it doesn't assume that people are terrible."

That's the key, friends. The video lets us all consider how to be more considerate about sex without making some people defensive right off the bat. And, Brian added, the video has even helped some assault survivors finally believe it wasn't their fault.

So, stick figures and tea: The new stealth tactics.

Representation, and the civic engagement it generates, is not mere window dressing to more 'serious' business.

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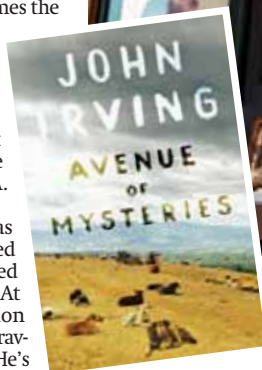
I stumble over John Irving's foot as I tuck myself into the snug booth. He stretches his arms up and out mimicking a giant arachnid as he blames the spider-like table legs for my misstep. It's an endearing icebreaker.

We're meeting over breakfast in a crowded Toronto bar to talk about his latest novel, *Avenue of Mysteries* (Alfred A. Knopf Canada, \$35).

I momentarily feel as awkward and disoriented as the book's lame-footed protagonist Juan Diego. At 54, Juan is on a collision course of his own while traveling to the Philippines. He's off his beta-blockers and slipping in and out of dreams and memories of his 14-year-old self.

The story of Juan Diego and his sister, Lupe, is the 14th novel from the fevered imagination of Irving, author of bestsellers *The World According to Garp*, *The Cider House Rules*, *A Prayer for Owen Meany* and *A Widow for One Year*.

Avenue of Mysteries, by turns absurd, tender, profound and



John Irving in his Toronto office — the largest workspace he's ever had. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

combination thereof — plumbs the author's favourite themes of religion, sex and fear.

It was Irving's good friend, photographer Mary Ellen Mark, who planted a seed of fear that over more than two decades grew into *Avenue of Mysteries*. In the late 1980s, Mark showed him her images of child performers in circuses in India. In 1990, Irving joined Mark and her film director husband, Martin

Bell, in India where they lived with the Royal Circus while Irving drafted a screenplay called *Escaping Maharashtra*. When they couldn't get the movie made, a search for other circuses with young at-risk performers led them to Mexico.

"We saw some amazing circuses," says Irving. "You know the little curb around a ring? There were no bars. The lions just came into the ring and looked at all the children eating cotton candy and peanuts in the front row. You could

have reached out and touched them," he says, reaching across the tiny table to touch my hand, laughing.

"The origins (of *Avenue of Mysteries*) are kids at risk and the unthinkable happening to a child," says Irving. "I wouldn't go see one of those circuses again if you paid me, but with every novel I've written there has to be an element that I am dreading even writing about. Because of how visceral my reaction is to something (unimaginable) ever happening to a child

or grandchild of mine, the fear is autobiographical."

When we walk to Irving's nearby workspace, Metro's photographer and a book publicist join us in the large bright suite. A scrupulously tidy desktop stretches the length of a wall covered in family photos. His Oscar for *The Cider House Rules* screenplay sits opposite on the fireplace mantle. A treadmill separates the main room from a nook with two walls of

IN THE WORKS

For the love of Garp

Irving is writing a teleplay of *The World According to Garp* for an HBO Warner Bros. mini-series. Having passed on two previous overtures to adapt his 1978 bestseller, Irving, now 73, says he didn't want to say no again.

wrestling pictures of his sons.

After showing us Mark's image of Pinky, the young Indian circus performer who inspired the character of Lupe, Irving poses for photos and the conversation turns to researching orphanages like the one Juan and Lupe live in for a time.

Irving recalls how his youngest son, Everett, wanted to revisit an orphanage while helping with research for the book. "The first time, (the children) don't look at you," says Irving. "The second time, they think you're coming for them." The author borrows publicist Evan as a prop. Approaching from behind, Irving shyly slips his hand into Evan's hand, saying, "This is what happens when you make a return visit to an orphanage."

In the open yet intimate workspace, defined by its images of the author as patriarch, father and family man, it's easy to imagine Irving taking that symbolic child's proffered hand and embracing his fears yet again.

ON HIS READING TABLE
Edmund White's *Our Young Man* (April 2016) "is the best novel I've read in a long time," says Irving.



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'A tall, pimply, gangly teen'



Comedic talent Rainn Wilson chronicles how he developed his unique sense of humour in his memoir, *The Bassoon King: My Life in Art, Faith, and Idiocy* (on sale Nov. 10).

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Having studied piano as a kid and then clarinet at Kellogg Junior High, just north of Seattle, I went to my band teacher and told him I wanted to quit clarinet and play tenor sax. Saxophone was just way cooler. Guys in the sax section would crack jokes, goof off and wear sunglasses in class sometimes. Clarinet wasn't pathetically loser-ish (I mean it wasn't French Horn!), but it's not the most masculine of instruments either. Sure there was a clarinet-like instrument in the Cantina scene in *Star Wars*, but let's face it, clarinets are for girls in braces and Woody Allen. (Who loves girls in braces. Badum, dum!)

My band teacher, John Law (real name), really pulled a fast one on me. He said something to the effect of "well, you COULD play the sax, but we've just got SO many saxophones right now. You know what's an amazing instrument? One that's really cool and unique?" I was all like

"What? What's really cool and unique?" He was like "The Bassoon." And I was like: "Wow. THE BASSOON. What's that?"

And with that manipulative interaction, a bassoonist was born.

The bassoon is ridiculous. They should be banned for being horrible, unnecessary and adenoidally grating.

It takes like an hour to assemble one. They're enormous. It's like they're made out of Lincoln logs, aluminum twigs and paper towel tubes. There are these tiny double wooden reeds that you have to soak and trim and tend to all the time. There's a strap that you actually have to sit on when you play so the whole thing doesn't fall onto the floor like a bundle of garbage. And, after all that falderall, they end up sounding like an anemic donkey with laryngitis.

Later, after I was digging into my bassooning, Mr. Law was thoughtful enough to let

the class know that originally the bassoon was called the 'fagotti' in Italian because it was like a faggot (bundle) of wood when you were carrying the pieces around. That went over really well. People in junior high just loved commenting in all sorts of interesting ways on me and my enormous 'fagotti.'

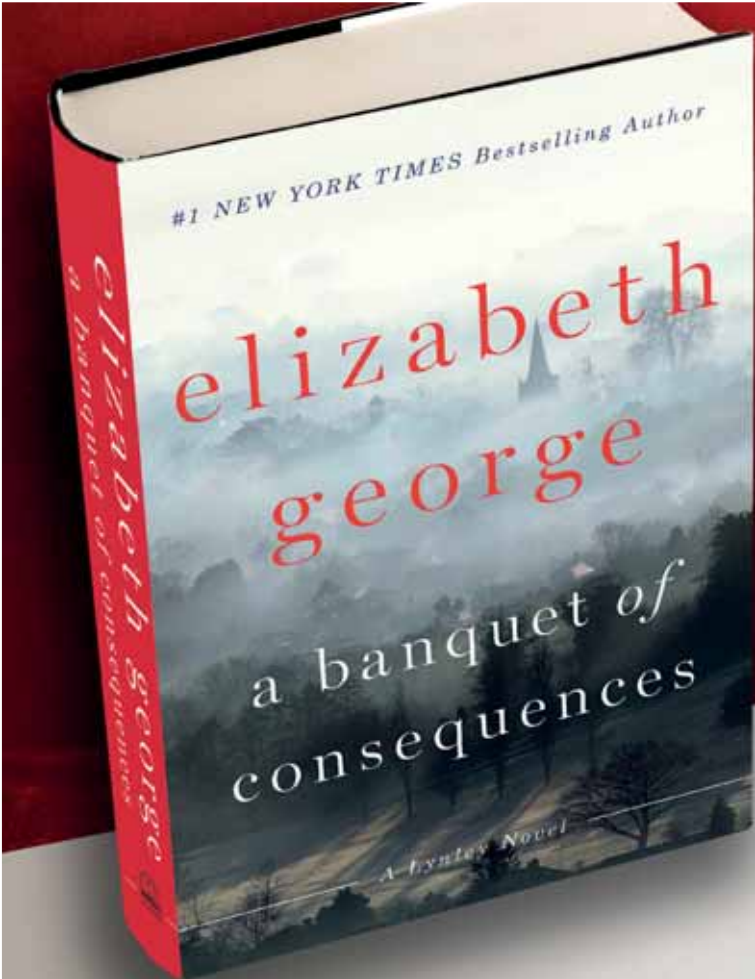
I would also occasionally play in the pep band and marching band as a ... wait for it ... xylophonist. Our High School team was the Highlanders and thusly the marching band wore kilts and knee-high socks. If you went to a Shorecrest game or pep rally in 1982 or '83 and saw a tall, pimply, gangly teen in a plaid tartan kilt with a xylophone strapped to his skinny chest, that was probably me. Also, it should be noted that the "cool" guys in marching band would go "commando" under their kilts as they played "Tequila" and "On Wisconsin" and floppily marched around like pubescent idiots.

As if the bassoon, xylophone and science fiction obsession wasn't enough, I then took up an interest in chess. It's as if the sirens of dweebdom lured me inexorably into their pimply lair, from which I never really returned.

So I joined the chess club at Shorecrest High School. The team was centered around two guys whose name sounded like shoe: Terry Hsu (Chinese dude) and Jeff Schuh (white dude). They were really good at chess and taught the rest of us dorks a ton. Terry was first board and Jeff second. Other team members were Blake Kremer (3rd board), David Potter (5th board) and me manning the 4th board. You see, a chess team is comprised of the five best chess players and you put them in order from 1st board to 5th. When you play another team, they bring their five best and you both have at it in a silent room with a handful of awkward, acne-draped spectators. We

did pretty well with the "shoe" brothers and went to the state championship one of the two years I was on the team. We even beat the fancy-pants private school, Lakeside (alma mater of Bill "Fancy Pants" Gates). We crowed about that victory quite a bit, I can tell you.

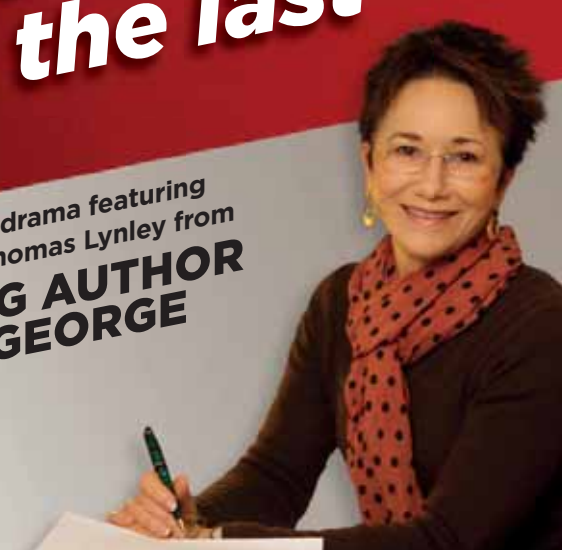
Once the cheerleaders mockingly made a bunch of chess team banners for the school entranceway that said things like "CONGRATS CHESS TEAM STATE CHAMPS 82!" and stuff like that. Everyone at the school snidely guffawed and thought that was a total hoot and we slunk past the banners in shame. Jeff Schuh, however, had purchased a "chess" letterman's jacket with a giant knight's profile on the back and wore it around proudly. He was a nerd rebel and didn't care what the majority of Highlanders thought of him. Like "Spock" and "Potsie Weber" from *Happy Days* he immediately became a nerd hero.




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WHAT I'M WATCHING TRANSPARENT: SEASON 1, EPISODE 5 (SHOMI)

How writing a salad into a scene creates a more complex character

Johanna Schneller
For Metro Canada



The Wedge

The three Pfefferman siblings (Amy Landecker, Jay Duplass and Gaby Hoffman), who are trying to cope as their father (Jeffrey Tambor) transitions to a woman in present-day, hipster Los Angeles, have just eaten lunch in a favourite restaurant from their childhood, one of those throwback places whose menu and decor are frozen in time.

Then they go visit their mother (Judith Light). The eldest (Landecker) holds out a doggie bag. "I brought you a wedge," she says, waggling it. Now that made me sit up, because a wedge salad is this crazy-specific L.A. thing, a chunk of iceberg lettuce, drenched in blue cheese dressing.

Why such retro food is a menu staple in a city that's all about skinniness and trendiness, I do not know, but it is.



Transparent's wedge salad scene reveals reams about Amy Landecker's character (pictured right). CONTRIBUTED

So instantly, we're grounded in a particular place. Even better, as Landecker hands over the bag, she can't resist crowing, "I'm the only one who remembered!"

In that one-second gesture, we learn reams about her character. She's a full-grown woman in a complex situation (she's cheating on her husband with a woman), yet she still has the ingrained, unshakable habit of needing to be the "good" child, the favourite child.

She wants to be seen as

unselfish, yet can't resist rubbing it in.

It makes me feel like this family's backstory is infinite, and that show creator Jill Soloway (who just won an Emmy, as did Tambor) can take us anywhere. Because of a salad.

Now that's great writing.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday

Lucy Lawless finds love for The Evil Dead

INTERVIEW

Actress talks about her hate for first film, her new role

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York



Lucy Lawless wasn't so happy with the 1981 horror *The Evil Dead*. But never say never: a decade-and-change later she was married to its producer, Robert Tapper, and working with star Bruce Campbell and filmmaker Sam Raimi on the shows *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* followed by her starring role on *Xena: Warrior Princess*.

Now the gang is back together with *Ash vs. Evil Dead*, the new show that picks up with Campbell's Ash, the salty, one-handed, demon-battling hero of Raimi's *Evil Dead* series. Lawless plays Ruby, and though she's only around a bit in the first few episodes, she soon

joins forces to fight the latest apocalypse.

You only have what's basically a cameo in the first episode.

There was more to that scene, but Sam found it too mean-spirited, so he cut it out. It involved my character smoking like a train, and some little kid comes up to her and tells her her mommy thinks smoking is dirty. And the kid gets a cup of coffee in the face. It was funny, but a bit mean.

When you're acting with Bruce, you probably don't want to try and be too funny.

It's better you get to be Dean Martin to Jerry Lewis. I would describe my character as an irritant. Ash is on a mission to save the world and she's going to make it hard for him. She's introduced slowly in the beginning, partly because I was working on something else in the middle of the show. Ash builds this ad-hoc family

of misfits, and then you bring someone in who's going to f— it all up.

I heard the first time you saw the original *The Evil Dead* you were nonplussed. I got up and walked out. I couldn't watch the rest of it. I thought these people should be in the ground. Then I was married to one of them 12 years later.

What caused the about-face?

I saw the second one, which was completely genius. Even though I was never into the Three Stooges, I could see this Bruce Campbell character was remarkable, throwing himself around the kitchen. A lot of that is the magic of Sam's sensibility. And the unseen member in that relationship is Bob Tappert, who I'm married to, who makes it all happen practically — who has the attention span to do that over a series. He's a phenomenally productive human being.

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Halle scary, exes say

You know what's worse than going through a messy public breakup with your short-tempered French husband? Having your other ex-husbands take to Twitter to chime in about it. Isn't social media the worst?

David Justice went on a Twitter rant about his ex. "Yup, me, Eric



(Benet), Gabriel (Aubry) and Olivier (Martinez) were all her 'knight in shining armor,' until it ends. Then we all become the worst guys in history. Only the guys in the relationship with Halle know the real deal. There will be another, of course. He'll be

called 'the best' until it ends," he posted, before insinuating that Berry had a surprise coming for Martinez in their custody battle.

"Just wait, Olivier. It's coming. She insinuated that her daughter wasn't safe around Gabriel. Look it up and see the reason. Just wrong."

That's all bad enough, but then Benet piled on with, "My man (David Justice) is tweeting some truth." Real classy, guys.

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Serena Williams catches crook

In the pantheon of dumb criminals, this guy who thought he could outrun Serena Williams has got to be one of the dumbest.

The tennis champ took to Facebook to regale fans and friends with a tale of a dinner out for Chinese food ("delicious, I may add") turning into an audition for Wonder Woman. "When least expected, low and behold this

common petty thief grabbed my phone and swiftly left," she writes in the post, which was accompanied by a photo of her photoshopped into a Supergirl costume.

"I jumped up, weaved my way in and out of the cozy restaurant (leaping over a chair or two) and chased



him down. He began to run but I was too fast. (Those sprints came in handy) I was upon him in a flash!" She confronted her adversary, who played dumb and claimed he'd grabbed the wrong phone. Sure, buddy. That explains the running.

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Weak wide release for Steve Jobs

BOX OFFICE

Director Danny Boyle on complex films and sales

Danny Boyle admits Steve Jobs is a hard sell. The film about the Apple co-founder got disappointing figures when it opened wide across the U.S., taking only \$7.1 million despite critical acclaim and two successful preview weekends on limited release.

Boyle was surprised by the film's box office

numbers but says he's not interested in taking the easy route when making movies.

"You try and make complex films, not simplistic films. You also want to make them highly pleasurable as well," the 59-year-old British director said in an interview Monday.

"We did brilliantly the first two weekends," he explained. "Then they went too wide too soon and that's a mistake. But hindsight experts are always around on Monday mornings."

The movie, starring Michael Fassbender as Jobs and Kate Winslet as his right-hand woman Joanna Hoffman, comes from a script by Aaron



Kate Winslet with director Danny Boyle. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Sorkin. Considered an award-season heavyweight, the Oscar-winning Boyle (Slumdog Millionaire, 2008) is confident the film will find its audience and says he won't be shocked if Fassbender and Winslet feature high on the upcoming trophy circuit season.

"I've been very lucky to be

involved with a lot of very good performances over the years, and this is on a different planet, I think. I mean Fassbender and Winslet — and Seth Rogen is just extraordinary in his playing (Apple engineer Steve) Wozniak — so yes, I'm very, very proud," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIFESTYLES

Lil Wayne: Young money millionaire owes two 'milli'

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood



Lil Wayne's problems are definitely Rich People Problems. The rapper's Miami Beach mansion was stormed by cops Wednesday to seize property in connection with a dispute he has with private jet leasing company the Signature Group, according to TMZ.

Law enforcement officials arrived to seize some "sizeable" assets from within the home because of Lil Wayne's failure to pay a \$2 million judgment against him in his dispute with the company that came down in September. He's also on the hook for \$200,000 in legal fees for the company.

The company initially sued Lil Wayne for failing to pay for two



Lil Wayne. GETTY IMAGES

years of his three-year contract with them. Lil Wayne himself wasn't there to see the fracas, though. The rapper is currently in Los Angeles. According to paparazzi, he visited the Ace of Diamonds strip club Monday night. He might need a return visit to cheer him up after today.

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Wood reaches new heights

CONDO TRENDS

Halifax among cities turning to timber in construction

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada



From the outside, they look just like any other six-storey midrise structures. It's what you don't see underneath that could be a potential game-changer for Canada's condominium construction industry.

Recent changes to provincial building codes have paved the way for wood-frame construction of midrise buildings up to six storeys in On-

tario and B.C., where the current limit in most other jurisdictions is four storeys. Changes to the National Building Code of Canada are expected to follow suit.

As the condo industry embraces the growth of wood frame construction, we'll start to see more townhomes and midrise condos made from engineered wood materials. What does that mean for the prospective home buyer?

Benefits

The obvious advantage is cost. Analysts predict a reduction in construction costs of multi-residential and office buildings in the order of 10 to 15 per cent. That's after factoring in the

added safety provisions mandated by the legislation.

Multi-storey wood frame construction is not a new idea. Take a look at the oldest parts of Canada's downtown cities and you'll find many fine examples of legacy construction: mammoth office buildings and warehouses framed with giant timbers and clad in brick.

These buildings have stood the test of time, and many have been transformed into the coveted and trendy loft and office spaces that fetch considerable sums today. For example, Winnipeg's Exchange District is known for its century-old timber buildings that rise up to eight storeys.

But the wood construction of today uses an entirely different class of high-tech materials, such as glulam, a cross-laminated timber product that makes it easier to prefabricate building components. Solid panels up to 20 metres long can

be produced in factories with cutouts ready for window and door openings. These components are then shipped on site to form the walls and floors of the building.

Modern take

A new design trend is also underway that takes wood frame construction a step further. CABIN, a new, six-storey hybrid wood and concrete condo in Toronto, incorporates wood elements and accents on the exterior and interiors of the building in a modern interpretation of the Muskoka Lakes style.

According to CABIN developer Adam Ochshorn, "There's a movement up north and throughout Canada, on the west coast and on Georgian Bay, of not doing the typical type of A-frame construction from the '70s and building something more contemporary. That's what we're trying to bring to the city."



CABIN is a new boutique condo in Toronto's funky West Queen West neighbourhood. The six-storey condo is a combination of wood and concrete construction and boasts spacious, two-level suites with outdoor spaces.

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AROUND CANADA

Sail Condos, Vancouver

A new six-storey contemporary West Coast condominium by Adera Development. These urban apartment homes feature Westbrook Village amenities close by and greenways connecting the community. B.C. allowed six-storey wood frame construction back in 2009.



360 Lofts, Ottawa

This 38-unit condo by Windmill Development is situated in the popular ByWard Market district. With its six-storey facade, it pushes the boundaries of wood construction in a way that resulted in an award in 2012 from the Canadian Wood Council.



TEN Mount Royal, Calgary

A new four-storey condo collection by Maple Projects, offering a Lower Mount Royal address. The City of Calgary approved the construction of six-storey, wood frame buildings in 2014.



20 Dawn St., Halifax

An example of four-storey wood frame construction in Halifax is this eight-unit apartment building located in the Fairview neighbourhood that was built three years ago.



Verve Tache North, Winnipeg

It's hard to tell that this is a wood frame building. The contemporary four-storey, 62-unit condo is located in the French quarter surrounded by historic sites. It boasts a rooftop terrace that offers views of the Red River, the Forks and downtown.



Solara at Skyview, Edmonton

Close to the heart of the city, this four-storey, wood frame midrise by Abbey Lane Homes is located on 127 Street in northwest Edmonton. The condominium offers buyers great value and provides generous floor plans, granite countertops and laminate flooring.



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Johnny Manziel is expected to start for the Browns (2-6) when they meet the undefeated Bengals (7-0) on Thursday night

Ehlers at the forefront of head-turning rookies

NHL

Dashing Dane making an impact early in his pro career

Nikolaj Ehlers realizes he still has "a lot to prove," even after a sensational first month to his NHL career.

But as one of several rookies off to noteworthy starts, Ehlers already has proven one thing for certain — the current NHL rookie class has the potential to go down in history as one of the very best.

"I'm finally here, but that doesn't mean I can let go of the hard work that got me here," Ehlers said, as his Winnipeg Jets prepared to square off against the Maple Leafs Wednesday night at the Air Canada Centre.

"My dad and mom are here. My dad played a lot of hockey and they both supported me my whole life. They were in Montreal to see my first game, and that was special for all of us."

A native of Aalborg, Denmark, Ehlers' October ended with him ranked third in Jets

scoring and solidly entrenched in an excellent class of rookies gaining momentum and making headlines around the league.

That class suffered a significant loss with Connor McDavid out months with a shoulder injury, but the elite group still boasts quality and quantity.

The Coyotes' Max Domi emerged as the leading rookie from the NHL's opening month, something of a surprise given McDavid and the Sabres' Jack Eichel, both of whom are considered generational talents potentially on par with Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin.

Dylan Larkin marks the first teenage to crack the Detroit Red Wings lineup in over a dozen seasons while other rookies such as Sam Reinhart, Anthony Duclair, Artemi Panarin, Oscar Lindberg, Colton Parayko, Jared McCann and goalie Mike Condon are getting considerable ice time and making sound contributions to their clubs.

Ehlers began turning heads in North America while with the Halifax Mooseheads. He scored 86 goals over two seasons, and was named winner of the Mike Bossy Trophy as the QMJHL's top pro prospect.

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When I look at my decision to come here from Europe, I don't regret a single thing about it.

Nikolaj Ehlers



Nikolaj Ehlers posted back-to-back 100-point campaigns with the Halifax Mooseheads before starting this season with the Winnipeg Jets. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg drafted Ehlers ninth overall in 2014 but returned him to Halifax, where he completed the second of back-to-back 100-point seasons, and then notched 31 points in 14 playoff games. Though he

was not on the prospect radar like McDavid or Eichel, hockey scouts and insiders were forecasting him as a potential star in the NHL.

"Probably the speed of the game and the size of the play-

ers, that's what I notice the most since I've been here (with the Jets)," Ehlers said. "It has been difficult, but I find I'm a little more used to it and I'm more comfortable now."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Canada beats Finland in Four Nations Cup opener

The Canadian women's hockey team opened the Four Nations Cup with a 2-0 win over Finland on Wednesday.

Meghan Agosta of Ruthven, Ont., scored short-handed and Toronto's Natalie Spooner had an even-strength goal in the second period.

Emergence Maschmeyer of Bruderheim, Alta., earned a 17-save shutout at Sundsvall Energi Arena.

Canada faces the United States on Thursday and Sweden on Saturday.

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Gold-medal snowboarder announces retirement

The first Canadian woman to win an Olympic gold medal on home soil is retiring.

Veteran snowboarder Maelle Ricker made the announcement Wednesday.

The 36-year-old from West Vancouver, B.C., won gold in snowboard cross at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, two days after Alex Bilodeau became the first Canadian to win gold at home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

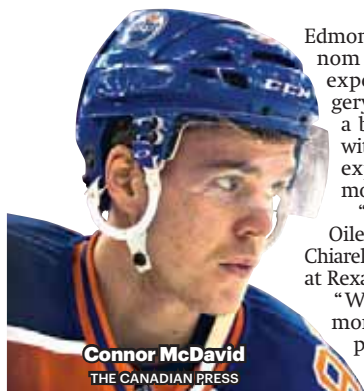


Maelle Ricker

THE CANADIAN PRESS

OILERS

McDavid expected to miss months with broken collarbone



Connor McDavid
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edmonton Oilers rookie phenom Connor McDavid was expected to undergo surgery Wednesday to repair a broken left collarbone, with a recuperation period expected to stretch into months.

"He'll be out indefinitely," Oilers general manager Peter Chiarelli told a news conference at Rexall Place.

"We're talking about months. We don't have a particular time frame, but as I said, plural, months. There will be

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We're going to try and be there for him and make sure that he gets through it well. Taylor Hall

plates and screws involved (in the surgery)."

McDavid was injured Tuesday night in the Oilers' 4-2 win over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Racing down the left wing toward the Flyers goal late in the second period, with Flyer defenders Brandon Manning and Michael Del Zotto beside him, McDavid appeared to lose the edge on his skate.

The trio fell and plowed hard into the end boards.

McDavid struggled to his feet and skated slowly to the bench.

"He didn't have much to say (after the game)," said Chiarelli.

"He was upset. He loves to play the game and he won't be playing it for a while."

He said McDavid has age and character on his side.

"The silver lining is that

he's young, he's a strong kid mentally and physically, he's still developing so he'll come back probably even stronger," Chiarelli said.

"In my experience with these significant injuries with younger players they come back stronger."

McDavid went down in the 13th game of his rookie season,



Peter Chiarelli

THE CANADIAN PRESS

but in that time he had already established himself as one of the key players and catalysts on the Oilers.

McDavid has five goals and 12 points in 12 games this season. He was named rookie of the month for October.

The Oilers are 5-8 and fighting to return to the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

"Injuries are a part of a hockey but to be out that long this early in his career, I'm sure he's pretty heartbroken," said winger Taylor Hall, the Oilers' leading goal scorer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB IN BRIEF

Dodgers' Greinke now free agent after opting out

Pitcher Zack Greinke opted out of the final three years of his contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday, giving up a guaranteed \$71 million to become a free agent again.

The Dodgers are expected to make a \$15.8-million qualifying offer Friday, which he will certainly reject. Los Angeles then would be eligible to receive an extra draft pick after the first round next year if Greinke signs with another team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mets reward manager Collins with new deal

Terry Collins has a new contract to keep managing the New York Mets. He can only hope for a second chance in the World Series.

Days after their rousing season ended with a stinging loss to Kansas, the Mets rewarded Collins on Wednesday for piloting them to the National League pennant. The Mets held a club option on Collins for 2016, but instead gave him a two-year deal through 2017.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Five-star Bayern rout Arsenal

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Gunners now last in Group F, troubled Blues earn late win

Thomas Mueller scored two goals as Bayern Munich hammered Arsenal 5-1 on Wednesday to close in on a place in the knockout stage of the Champions League.

Bayern lost to Arsenal 2-0 in London but the five-time champion dominated the return fixture from start to finish, giving Arsene Wenger's team no chance. Robert Lewandowski opened the scoring in the 10th minute, Mueller doubled the lead in the 29th, Dabid Alaba made it 3-0 in the 44th. Arjen Robben scored with his first touch of the ball in the 55th, less than a minute after coming off the bench. Mueller added his second in the 89th.

Olivier Giroud pulled one back for Arsenal in the 69th. The victory gave Bayern nine points atop Group F, while Arsenal has three. Olympiakos also has

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Group F

Bayern Mun 5, Arsenal 1
Olympiakos 2, D. Zagreb 1

Group G

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Chelsea 2, Dynamo Kiev 1

Group H

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Lyon 0, Zenit St P 2

nine after edging 10-man Dinamo Zagreb 2-1, which also has three points.

Meanwhile, Willian produced a late winner as Chelsea fans put on a show of support for embattled manager Jose Mourinho on Wednesday, scoring from a 83rd-minute free kick to seal a 2-1 victory over Dynamo Kyiv in the Champions League.

A four-game winless run in all com-



Arsenal's Petr Cech, left, attempts to dispossess Bayern's Dutch midfielder Arjen Robben. The Czech international had a tough night between the sticks GUENTER SCHIFFMANN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

petitions had ratcheted the pressure on Mourinho, whose future at Stamford Bridge has appeared to be jeopardized by off-field issues accompanying the poor results.

"From the mental point of view it was important," Mourinho said. "A reaction to a negative moment."

Mourinho benefited from a spot of good fortune in the 39th minute of this Group G encounter when Dynamo defender Aleksandar Dragovic sent a diving header into his own goal while trying to clear Diego Costa's cross.

Dragovic atoned for his blunder by slamming the ball home

in the 78th minute after goalkeeper Asmir Begovic flapped at a corner.

But five minutes later, Willian scored his fifth goal of the season direct from a free kick to ensure Chelsea rose to second in the group above Dynamo, three points behind Porto.

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Jose Mourinho
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RECIPE Turkey Meatloaf with Apples and Sage



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground pepper

Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 400 F. Grease mini loaf pan or baking pan.
2. In a large skillet over moderate heat, add the butter, garlic and shallots and cook for 3 minutes.
3. Stir together apple chunks, bread crumbs and milk in a large bowl and set aside for 5 minutes. Add your turkey, egg, apple butter, sage, salt and pepper and garlic mixture to the milk and combine well. Spoon the meat mixture into your loaf tins.
4. Bake in the oven on the middle rack for about 50 minutes or until the internal temperature of a loaf reaches 160 F. In the last minute of cooking time, brush the tops with some apple butter. Remove the loaves from the oven and allow to rest for 5 minutes then serve.

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Ready in

Prep time: 60 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

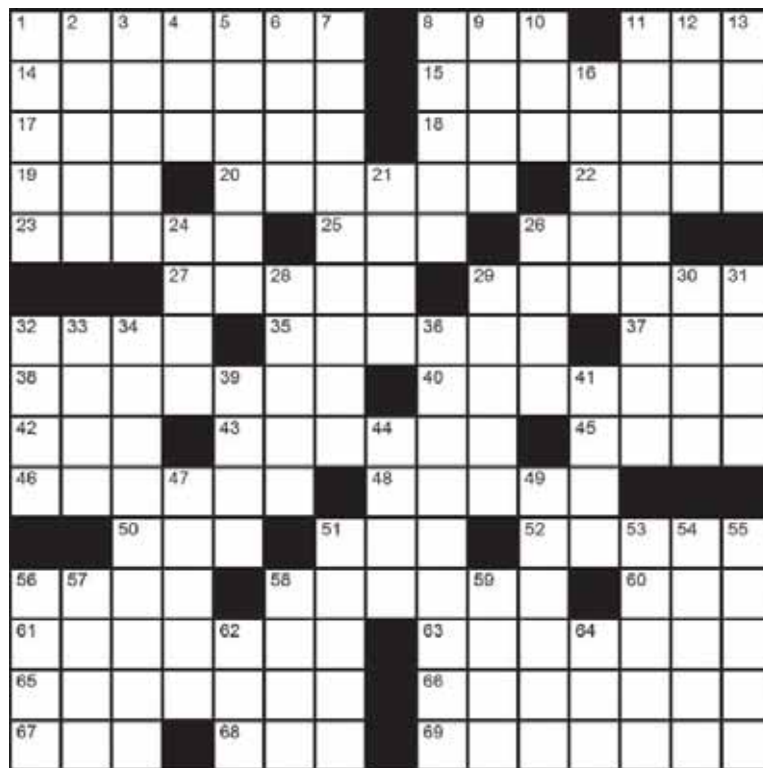
- 1 1/2 Tbsp butter
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 Gala apples, cored, peeled and sliced into small chunks
- 2/3 cup unseasoned bread crumbs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 lbs ground turkey meat
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup apple butter, plus an extra Tbsp for tops of loaves
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh sage

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. The new 007 movie
8. Research site
11. __ boost
14. Skull-related
15. Lasting
17. Canadian comedian Mr. Peters
18. Prop for The Penguin
19. Chemical suffix
20. Readies oneself in golf: 2 wds.
22. Attend: 2 wds.
23. Prefix to 'frost'
25. American ailer since '71
26. Bucharest money
27. Not __ in the world
29. Stinging nest pest
32. Russian ruler
35. Lizards like the GEICO commercials one
37. Deuce
38. Emmanuelle __, Montreal-born actress
40. Antlered creature of European woodlands: 2 wds.
42. Ad __ committee
43. Social news website
45. Sky bear
46. Flip the coin again
48. Ancient fabled man
50. Chg. card percentage
51. 1987 to 1994 'Star Trek' series, to fans
52. Paving stones
56. Gospel singer



- Ms. Winans
58. __ crackers
60. '80s band
61. Political pundit Ms. Huffington with a 'Post' website
63. Like a coming-soon out of stock item: 2 wds.
65. Daytime TV...

- "General Hospital": 2 wds.
66. '60s band, Wayne __ and The Mindbenders
67. Word before a bride's maiden name
68. Scale amts.
69. Gradually appears on the screen:

2 wds.

DOWN

1. __ paper
2. Trim
3. Reliever
4. Belonging to a Canuck train co.
5. Menswear accessory, variably: 2 wds.

6. Rattle
7. Vegan songstress in Crash Test Dummies born in Selkirk, Manitoba: 2 wds.
8. Madagas-car animal
9. On
10. Mr. Vereen
11. Come across
12. Mr. MacDermot (Canadian composer of Hair)
13. Margarine
16. "Understood."
21. On __ (Without a contract)
24. Husband: French
26. Misplace
28. Chills
29. Owl's calls
30. Lamb mothers
31. 1970 war movie, when tripled!
32. Professor, puny-ly
33. Velcro closure locale
34. North Pole stuff: 2 wds.
36. Painter of Canadian nature scenes, Cornelius __ (b.1815 - d.1872)
39. Alphabetic sequence
41. Trick
44. Mr. Carvey
47. "This world was never meant for __ beautiful as you." - Don McLean, "Vincent"
49. Donny & Marie __
51. Pitfalls
53. "Look, all done!" [pl.]
54. "___" (Response to "What did you do next?")
55. Sandwich wrap brand
56. James or Scott
57. TV actress Kathryn
58. Annoying fly
59. Buffalo type
62. At present
64. Pathway [abbr.]

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
If someone makes you a really good offer today, find out if there are any strings attached. If they are giving you something they will most likely require something in return.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You may have to pay over the odds for something today but don't make a big deal of it. It's only money. Don't ruin what promises to be an otherwise enjoyable day.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
There is no point trying to keep a secret from those who know you best because they can read you like a book. No matter how embarrassing, own up to what you have done. Chances are they won't even care.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Sometimes the best way to break bad news is to come right out with it. Try to let others down gently and it could prolong the agony — they might even turn against you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You won't be thinking straight, so avoid any spur of the moment decisions that will get you into trouble. Money matters, especially, must be approached with care.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The more others pressure you to follow their example the more you must resist. You know what is best for you and anyone who doesn't respect your right to make your own decision must be told to take a hike.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Avoid situations where you don't feel in control. And avoid people whose main aim seems to be controlling you. You are a free spirit and you are entitled to come and go as you please.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something is worrying you and you won't get over it by trying to put it out of your mind. The only way to deal with your fear is to face it and not be afraid of what you might find.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Listen to your inner voice. If you let people persuade you that their aims should be yours you will find yourself heading in a direction that takes you away from your goals.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Tread carefully when talking to loved ones. If they get the impression that you are telling them what to do they will react in a forceful way. Only give advice if it is asked for.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be on your guard today. There may be no logical reason why you should be suspicious but on a deeper level you seem to know that all is not as it seems. Above all, don't commit yourself.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone will let you in on what they say is a secret but can you be sure they are not trying to mislead you? The planets warn that what they tell you will only be part of the story.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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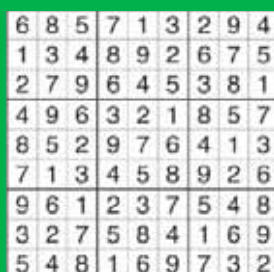


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